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Data Confidentiality Roundtable
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Next Steps

During the meeting, several issues were identified as potential opportunities for CMRC involvement. As a result, the Crime Mapping Research Center has elected to compile and make available resource documents which address the following topics:

1) **Map Interpretation Basics**. As noted in the proceedings, geo-coding hit rates and hot spot mapping can be misleading if presented without contextual information. The information gathered and published here will assist the map maker and the end user in avoiding map misinterpretations.

2) **Security Systems**: A one - stop shop for information on different security systems, their applicability, reliability, costs, and definitions.

3) **Disclaimers:** A list of disclaimers currently in use by a variety of law enforcement and other agencies.

4) **Guidelines**: A list of recommended guidelines to be used for crime mapping. For example:

> a. which crimes should be mapped (e.g., burglaries, rape, domestic violence .. etc)
> b. at what level should the crimes be mapped (e.g., block, track, street address, ..etc).
> b. what type of symbology should be used for what crimes
> c. what level of aggregation should be used
> e. when should thematic mapping be used

These documents will be published on our web site as they are created. Once posted, a general notice will be mailed to the crime mapping listserv.